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Statement

The high-level political forum on sustainable development is the main United Nations platform on sustainable development. It provides political leadership, guidance and recommendations. It follows up and reviews the implementation of sustainable development commitments and, as of 2016, the post-2015 development agenda and the sustainable development goals. It addresses new and emerging challenges, promotes the science-policy interface and enhances the integration of economic, social and environmental dimensions of sustainable development.

We need to further mainstream sustainable development at all levels, integrating economic, social and environmental aspects and recognizing their interlinkages, so as to achieve sustainable development in all its dimensions. Poverty eradication, changing unsustainable and promoting sustainable patterns of consumption and production and protecting and managing the natural resource base of economic and social development are the overarching objectives of and essential requirements for sustainable development.

There is an urgent need to achieve sustainable development by promoting sustained, inclusive and equitable economic growth, creating greater opportunities for all, reducing inequalities, raising basic standards of living, fostering equitable social development and inclusion, and promoting the integrated and sustainable management of natural resources and ecosystems that supports, inter alia, economic, social and human development while facilitating ecosystem conservation, regeneration and restoration and resilience in the face of new and emerging challenges.

Community members and corporate organizations are at the centre of sustainable development and, in this regard, need commitment to work together to promote sustained and inclusive economic growth, social development and environmental protection and thereby to benefit all societies.

Good governance and the rule of law, at the national and international levels, as well as an enabling environment for local authorities are essential for sustainable development. There is an urgent need for strong policy for not harming the natural resources by the industrial sector.

Each community should be responsible for its own economic and social development and the role of national policies, domestic resources and development strategies. There is a need for significant mobilization of resources from a variety of sources and the effective use of financing, in order to promote sustainable development.